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Docket No.: C013929/0126669

REPLY UNDER  
37 CFR § 1.116

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re Application of:* )  
Catia Bastioli et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/936,534 )  
Filed: February 3, 2003 )  
For: ARTICLES TO BE CHEWED BY ANIMALS )

) Examiner: C. D. Sayala  
Art Unit: 1794

New York, New York  
September 4, 2008

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before September 8, 2008. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00

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(small entity) to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8<sup>th</sup> Ed., Rev. 6, Sept. 2007, pp. 700-263 to 700-264) respectfully is solicited.

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Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.